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Sir,

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending February 5, 2003, was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

Listing and Amendments begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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